

(c) Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to defeat Pakistan sponsored cross border terrorism. With a view to deal with the cross border terrorism the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the terrorists by appropriate action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional framework of Operational Groups and Intelligence Groups at the UHQ and lower levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for Security Forces, closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, police pickets, intensive patrolling etc.

Security forces have also worked out a strategy for the renewed or extended period of the peace initiative. Such strategies are reviewed from time to time in meetings of the unified Headquarters or at lower levels in J&K keeping in mind the changing security scenario and available intelligence inputs.

Turning down of unilateral talks with India by APHC Leader

4298. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether leader of All Party Hurriyat Conference Abdul Ghani Lone has turned down any unilateral talks with India on the Kashmir issue; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) All Party Hurriyat Conference has reportedly not yet decided about its stand on the Government's offer of dialogue.